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Call for Nominations

MOLAR is seeking 11 leadership volunteers to join our Executive Council, help set our annual priorities, and communicate the vision and message of MOLAR to improve the oral health of Maricopa County.

Available positions include: President, Vice President, Treasurer/Membership, Secretary/Historian, Standing Committee Chairs (4), Work Group Liaison, and Member-at-Large (2).

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in applying for the MOLAR Executive Council, submit a nomination to Amanda Jones at ajones@deltadentalaz.com or call 602-588-3607. More information will be provided regarding job descriptions, time commitment, and the Executive Council application. **All applications are due by September 30, 2011 at 5 PM.** Elections will be held at the October 14, 2011 MOLAR meeting.

Thanks! MOLAR Steering Committee



Our Mission

MOLAR advocates, educates, and communicates for greater access to oral health care for everyone in Maricopa County.

MOLAR Updates

Over the past year, MOLAR has successfully brought together over forty participants representing over thirty organizations! There are currently three active work groups: Children, Developmental Disabilities, and Older Adults. Each work group has met several times, created their own charters in alignment with MOLAR's Mission, and is developing goals to improve oral health in their specific arena. Dental homes, education, and advocacy are among the top priorities for these groups.

Website Coming Soon! MOLAR is currently building a website to share resources and effectively work toward our Mission. Stay tuned for more updates!

Upcoming MOLAR Meeting

Date: Friday, August 12, 2011

Registration/Networking: 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Meeting: 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Location: 4041 N. Central Ave., Phoenix
14th Floor Training Room

RSVP: <http://molar.eventbrite.com> or
e-mail ajones@deltadentalaz.com

Guest Speaker: Nicole Albo, the Associate Dean of Instruction and Health Professions Education at Rio Salado College, will share the impact that Community Dental Health Coordinators (CDHC) will have on our community.

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Children's Work Group Announcements

Children's OH Resource Library will be housed on the MOLAR website. The Children's Work Group has been gathering resources to include on the MOLAR website. Topics from pregnant mothers and mothers with babies and/or young children to health care professionals resource guides. Other topics include fluoride varnish and dental sealants, the importance of oral health, school-based programs, and information for non-health professionals.

All materials are available in English and Spanish, and we are seeking additional languages.

These materials have been gathered from various sources including National Maternal & Child Oral Health Resource Center, American Dental Association, and Delta Dental.



MOLAR Children's OH Speaker's Bureau

MOLAR is also gathering presentations and speaker's to join our Speaker's Bureau. Topics may include Assessment, Treatment, & Referral, Prevention, Arizona Trends, Dental Home Initiative, Regional Resources, and Model Programs.

If you have a valuable resource, presentation, or speaker, contact Amanda Jones at ajones@deltadentalaz.com or 602-588-3607.

Community Updates

2011 ACT Kids Health Fair Saturday, September 24, '11 Over 800 volunteers

are needed for this event that offers free health screenings to at risk children that do not have health insurance, but require the pre-screenings that we offer in order to start school.



Visit the [ACT website](#) and register online today!

Bilingual volunteers are desperately needed for this day!

Don't get dropped!



Don't Get Dropped AZ is a general retention and renewal campaign that will encourage current AHCCCS members to pay close attention to any AHCCCS letters they receive and to watch for renewal notices. Each year a significant number of Medicaid members (AHCCCS in Arizona) fall off the enrollment list and then re-enter when they get sick. Each time someone re-enters the program the process of reenrolling them adds a substantial cost to our state Medicaid budget. Also, when members lose coverage they risk missing important preventive and routine medical appointments, which are highly cost effective. An inexpensive prescription costs much less than a hospital or urgent care visit and treatment. **Don't Get Dropped AZ** will provide basic information and messages to a broad range of healthcare providers and interested community groups. Stakeholders are asked to disseminate the message to current AHCCCS members.

For More Information:

Community Groups

Allen Gjersvig, Keogh Health Connection
602-749-4184 or agjersvig@keoghhealth.org
(email is the better method)

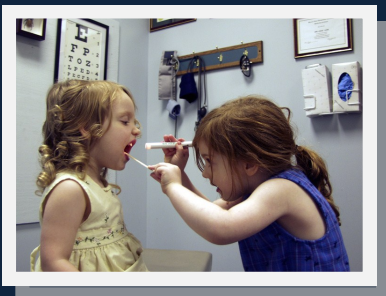
Providers

Tara Plese, AZ Association of Community Health Centers
tarap@aachc.org

National News

2011 ADA Annual Session: The Future of Dentistry Meets Here

The American Dental Association (ADA) annual session, set for October 10-13, 2011 at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center in Las Vegas, will offer the latest in dental continuing education, products, and services. Those attending will be able to choose from more than 250 unique educational lectures, forums, and hands-on workshops, including the ADA's Education in the Round live patient courses. The ADA World Marketplace Exhibition, scheduled for October 10-12, will give dental professionals a chance to see and test the latest products available and to interact with representatives from more than 500 companies. The American Dental Assistants Association annual session will be held in conjunction with the ADA annual session, with a CE track of courses being presented. Log on to <http://www.ada.org/session> for complete details.

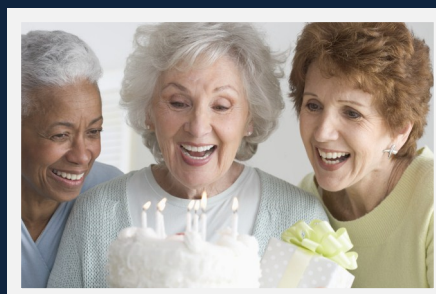


AAP programs promote dental services in physicians' offices

Currently, 42 state Medicaid programs pay non-dental professionals for caries prevention services. Arizona and New Hampshire have agreed to pay but have not yet funded the program. Paying pediatricians and other medical providers to perform preventive oral health services is one of the eight benchmarks included in the recently released report card on state dental health from the Pew Children's Dental Campaign. With the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, an additional 5.3 million children are expected to have dental coverage by 2014. AAP says, "It is vital that pediatricians and other health care providers are prepared to offer preventive oral health services and that they are paid adequately for providing this care."

Penn State Granted \$1.4 million by National Institutes of Health to research to oral hygiene in nursing homes

UNIVERSITY PARK – People with dementia may soon have improved oral hygiene because of a five-year, \$1.4 million National Institutes of Health grant to Rita A. Jablonski, assistant professor of nursing at Penn State. [Read more here.](#)



Calendar of Events

August 12	MOLAR Meeting
September 12	World Oral Health Day
Sept 16-17	Arizona Dental Association Fall Conference
Sept 22	Arizona Public Health Association Annual Meeting
Sept 24	ACT Kids Health Fair

Do you have an event to add to the calendar? We want to know about it! Don't worry, our calendar extends through 2013!

Please take a second to complete this brief survey:

1. I am interested in learning more about...(choose all that apply):

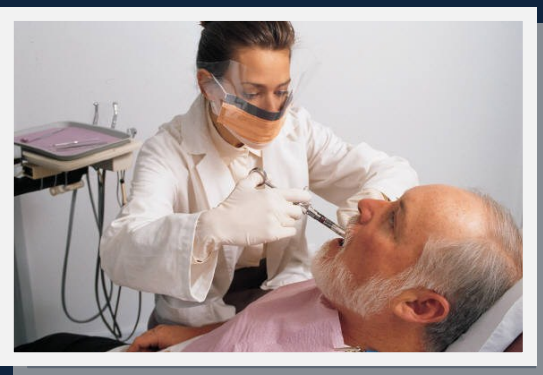
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| <input type="checkbox"/> grant writing and research | <input type="checkbox"/> grant opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> volunteer opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> advocacy in oral health | <input type="checkbox"/> how I can get involved with MOLAR |
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CE & Volunteer Opportunities

Visit AzDA's website [here](#) for a listing of continuing education, networking, and volunteer events.



I bet you've heard rumors about big events geared towards the dental community that may be coming to Phoenix in 2012. HopeFest is one of these events. It has been serving the marginalized, homeless, hurting, and broken citizens of Tucson for 17 consecutive years. Last year HopeFest served over 15,000 people by providing free groceries, dental services, medical services, clothing, haircuts, lunch, prayer, and other miscellaneous services. Over 500 people were given free dental care including cleanings, fillings, extractions, and dentures! This year's event in Tucson is on Saturday, October 22. Nonprofit partners and volunteers are needed! For more information, visit www.hopefest.com. MOLAR will keep you informed about other big events as more information becomes available.



Job Opportunities

Clinical / Corporate Jobs

www.Indeed.com

www.Monster.com

www.CareerBuilder.com

Government Jobs

www.azstatejobs.gov

www.usajobs.gov

www.maricopa.gov ([click](#))

Nonprofit Jobs

Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits ([click](#))

Philanthropy Jobs

Arizona Grantmakers Forum ([click](#))

About MOLAR

MOLAR was formed in late 2009 as a means to link gaps in resources and services for oral health care in Maricopa County. The vision of MOLAR is that everyone in Maricopa County should have accessible, affordable oral health care. Since its formation, MOLAR has been successful in recruiting volunteers from various organizations to achieve this goal as well as advocating for NO on Prop 203.

Anyone is welcome to submit information for the MOLAR E-newsletter.

Email us at ajones@deltadentalaz.com or call 602.588.3607. *To remove your name from our mailing list, please reply to the email above.*